

Amendment to the Specification:

Page 5, please replace third paragraph, under Description of Preferred Embodiments with the following:

a¹ Projecting from the flange 18 are concentric cylindrical walls 24 and 26 defining an annular channel 28 therebetween. The outer cylindrical wall, or outer wall, 24 is formed with a radially outwardly facing annular clearance or partial recess 30 (best seen in Fig. 2) which communicates with the channel 28 through a plurality of spaced apart slots 32 through the outer wall 24.

Page 6, please replace paragraph beginning at line 26 and ending at line 30 with the following:

a² The seal seat surface 50 of the inner cylindrical wall, or inner wall, 26 which faces the outer wall 24 curves towards the outer wall 24 such that the channel 28 narrows in width towards the channel floor 52. The seal seat surface 50 acts as a curved (tapered) seal seat for the seal of the bagside coupling member 14 when the two members are fastened together. At at least an upper part of the channel 28, the channel is wider than it is deep.

Page 7, please replace paragraph beginning at line 6 and ending at line 11 with the following:

a³ On its radially inner face, the rib 64 carries an integrally moulded deflectable seal wing 72 for bearing against the seal seat surface 50 of the bodyside member 12. The deflectable seal 72 has a generally curved shape, and tapers in thickness towards its free end. In its natural condition, the seal 72 is generally less curved than the seat surface 50, such that the seal 72 is somewhat "oversize" and has to deflect at least to some degree when entering the channel 28.

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning at line 10 and ending at line 13 with the following:

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In the second embodiment, the bagside coupling member 14 is identical to that of the first embodiment. Also, the bodyside coupling member 12 employs the same curved seal seat surface 50, to enable a relative large sealing surface to be accommodated within a relatively low profile height, without reducing the seal performance.